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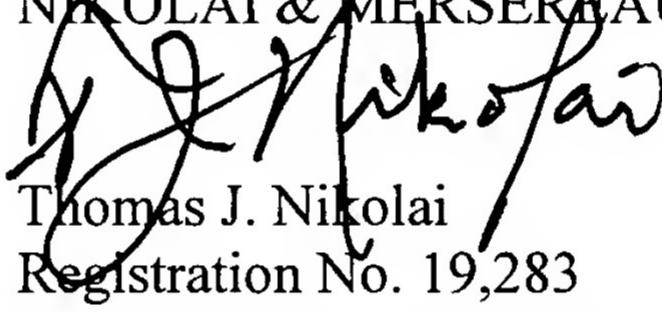
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This communication is submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed April 22, 2005. The identifiers of Claims 1 and 8 have been changed from "previously amended" to – previously presented --. In addition, the identifiers of Claims 15-16 have been changed from "previously added" to – previously presented --.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-16 in view of the amendments made herein and the arguments presented in our amendment filed on April 15, 2005 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that the foregoing Communication in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on April 22, 2005 in application Serial No. 10/657,378 of inventors, Scott T. Latterell, et al., filed September 8, 2003, for " Bipolar Electrosurgical Instrument for Cutting, Desiccating and Sealing Tissue" is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on May 3, 2005.

